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Title: HOT-WIRE TYPE AIR FLOW METER FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of these references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention. English-language abstracts for Japanese references 5-264312 and 61-102522 are submitted herewith.

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merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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References	Disclosed in the specification?		Copy			Translation	
	Yes	No	Enc.	Follow	Please obtain	Enc.	Not avail-able
1. JP-A-5-264312	X		X			(Only Abstract)	
2. JP-A-61-102522	X		X			(Only Abstract)	
3. JP-B-5-7659	X		X				X
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